

# Press Release

To: Arkansas Media  
From: Robert J. Alvey, Communications Manager  
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CC: Office of the Governor  
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Re: Governor's Press Conference, Authority Board of Directors Meeting

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## **Governor Huckabee to Announce National Appointment; Authority Board to Conduct Schedule Meeting**

Governor Mike Huckabee has scheduled a 1:30 p.m. announcement for Friday, May 16, to report the selection of an Arkansas agency director to a one-year national appointment.

Governor Huckabee will announce the appointment of Arkansas Science & Technology Authority President John W. Ahlen, Ph.D., as American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) International State-Federal Technology Executive Fellow for a one-year term.

### **Assignment of Duties**

Assisting Dr. Jack Gibbons, director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and science adviser for President Clinton, Dr. Ahlen will focus on improving federal/state relations. Dr. Ahlen will be charged with strengthening the partnership for science and technology advancements under the auspices of the U.S. Innovation Partnership (USIP).

### **USIP Mission Statement**

Achieve new economic growth, high quality jobs, and globally competitive businesses by effectively leveraging U.S. science and technology leadership and resources through partnerships among states, the federal government, industry, and universities.

### **USIP Partnership**

USIP partners include the OSTP, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the lead governors for technology from the National Governors' Association. A detailed media packet will be available at the announcement, to be held in a fifth-floor training room at ARKSYS, 17500 Chenal Parkway.

### **Authority Board Meeting**

Following Governor Huckabee's announcement, the public and media are invited to attend the regularly scheduled Authority Board of Directors meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the fifth-floor ARKSYS board room.

For additional details, contact Melissa Adams, Executive Secretary, or Robert J. Alvey, Communication Programs Manager, both with the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority.

*The Arkansas Science & Technology Authority serves as a statewide funding resource for high quality scientific and technological projects. The Authority endeavors to bring the benefits of science and technology to the people and state of Arkansas through scientific research, technology development, business innovation, and education.*

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